

Bladensburg Police Department General Orders Manual

Obscene Material

.01 Policy

County Code 14- 147 prohibits any person from knowingly selling, displaying, loaning, or allowing the perusal by juveniles of any picture, photograph, drawing, or other graphic, pictorial, or visual representation or image of a person or portion of the human body that depicts nudity, sexual excitement, or sadomasochistic abuse, and that is predominately harmful or potentially harmful to juveniles.

.02 Terms

.03 Governing Legislation and Reference

Governing Legislation:

County Code §14- 147.

Forms: N/A

.04 Procedure

Upon receiving a call regarding obscene matter, the officer shall respond to the scene and verify the complaint.

If verified, the officer shall complete a Case Report. The officer shall place "State's Attorney's Office" in the COPY TO block of the Case Report.

If appropriate, the officer shall advise the owner/manager of the establishment of the law, the complaint, and the violation.

Officers shall not make on-scene arrests or charge individuals with violations of County Code 14-147. Obscene matter cases must be reviewed for legal sufficiency prior to individuals being charged.

HISTORY: Adopted August 1, 2013

This General Order supersedes all other orders and memoranda in conflict therewith.

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